

given before the students of Columbia University. He said, "The great beauties of nature and the wonderful works of the world open to the scientific man an absolute refutation of the arguments of atheism." Will we forget these reassuring words of this great man of science, and tomorrow if some twenty-two calibre Chicago preacher or professor shoots off his toy pistol, will we quake at the sound and tremble at thoughts of the effect it may produce on our Christian faith?

No, but the march of progress in the world demands that its faith shall be mastered by one broad enough in purpose and love to comprehend its entirety, and this broad faith can be taught and lived more successfully or advantageously after one's mind has been developed to a higher degree.

But we must ever keep before us the thought, that the higher education is a failure if thru it we have not been led to the One who changes us from out carnal minded brings into spiritual minded sons of God, and that no mind can be said to be truly cultured that has not received a due portion of the special training or education of God.

JOHN'S BAPTISM

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The statement by brother C. F. Yoder in the doctrinal number of the Evangelist that John's baptism was not sufficient for Christian baptism, I do not quite understand. He gives as proof of the statement the re-baptism of the twelve by Paul in Acts 19:1-6. To me this re-baptism does not prove that John's baptism was not strictly Christian baptism. The defect in that baptism was in the fact that there was no Holy Ghost in it; they had not so much as heard whether there was any Holy Ghost. When they heard this they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Acts 19:5. John baptized with water unto repentance. Peter on the day of Pentecost preached the same doctrine. John preached that there was a Holy Ghost, so did Peter. Brother Yoder, please explain your statement a little more fully.

A SHURE WORD OF PROPHECY

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The writer has just finished reading Brother L. S. Bauman's article in EVANGELIST No. 21, at the close of which he says he "expects to follow this article by a series of articles upon prophecy, especially as it relates to the coming of the Lord." I pray that the kind providence which overrules all may not hinder our brother from doing so, as I shall most anxiously await every one he may write.

Yea, we should realize more and more how very important is the holy theme of "Prophecy." It is sacred because, "No prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation, for the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." May the Holy Spirit sanctify the words our

brother shall write on the subject. There are many in the church today who seem not to understand the sacred prophecies and are eagerly looking for light. Indeed there is so much false teaching on prophecy, that one is led to believe that some who would teach others the truth need to be taught themselves. We must be very diligent as the apostle Peter exhorts us, lest we fall from our own steadfastness, being led away by error. God grant that we be not faithless as concerns "the sure word of prophecy," but grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To whom be glory both now and forever. Amen.

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The Home

A Blessed Life

The light of the world shines brighter and brighter
As wider and wider God opens my eyes;
My trials and burdens seem lighter and lighter,
And fairer and fairer my heavenly prize.

The wealth of this world seems poorer and poorer
As further and further it fades from my sight;
The prize of my calling seems surer and surer
As straighter and straighter I walk in the light.

My waiting on Jesus seems dearer and dearer
As longer and longer I lean on his breast;
Without him I'm nothing, seems clearer and clearer
And more and more sweetly in Jesus I rest.

My joy in my Savior is growing and growing,
And stronger and stronger I trust in his word;
My peace like a river is flowing and flowing,
As harder and harder I lean on the Lord.

—Selected.

Why a Christian in Early Life?

The value of all souls is great, but especially the value of the young souls, because the young soul has his lifetime before him. Suppose a man of ninety is converted, what is gained? That man has escaped future punishment, but scarcely anything more, because his life, with its opportunities, its influence and its work, is behind him. Convert a boy of ten, and, in his lifetime, he may be the means of converting a hundred, and who can estimate when that influence will end?

Dr. J. O. Wilson says: "Suppose that Paul had been converted at seventy instead of twenty five. There would have been no Paul in history. There was a Matthew Henry because he was converted at eleven and not at seventy; a Dr. Watts because he was converted at nine and not at sixty; a Jonathan Edwards because he was converted at eight and not at eighty; a Richard Baxter because he was converted at six and not at sixty. How much more a soul is worth that has a lifetime of opportunity before it than the soul which has nothing! Hence, Christ commanded Peter to feed the lambs before he fed the sheep. Lambs are of more worth than sheep in the realm of souls as in the market place."

H. C. Perkins writes: "There is a power in youthful spirit that we are bound to recognize. It is the zest and the freshness of

the morning. It is the inspiration of a lofty ideal. It is the pulse of springtime throbbing in human life. Morning hours are best. Fatigue dwells in the afternoon shade. The greatest works of genius are achieved by the young. The church has a dark future which lacks the presence and enthusiasm and support of young people. Temper the force and vivacity of youth with godliness, and it is irresistible. It was the young man Luther that led the Reformation. It was the young man Calvin that swayed the world from his study at Geneva. It was the young man Knox that went thru Scotland like a flame of fire. It was the young man Wesley that founded our giant and glorious Methodism. It was the young man Jesus that brought salvation into the world."

"Wanted—Rose Makers"

Where? At a milliner's on Broadway, New York, according to the advertisement. Yes; and also in every household, in every city or village, in every State of the Union. The appeal for them is not printed in the newspapers, but it comes silently from every heart that needs human sympathy and that responds to the encouragement of its fellows.

How little fragrance and brightness is to be found in the lives of a multitude of quiet toilers! And how little trouble it takes, sometimes, to bring some fragrance and brightness in! Much technical skill is needed to fashion roses fit to adorn a hat, but the clumsiest of us is able to contrive a real bouquet of flowers of the Spirit—if the Spirit has fruit why not flowers?—to charm away care from troubled and tired souls.

You have great ambition for Christian service, have you? But there are many ways of service, and there are diversities of calling. Some are called to be missionaries, and some to be minister, and some teachers, and some writers. And some are called to be—rose makers!

See and Tell

Just as much as a home needs fresh air and sunshine to make it cheerful and healthful, does it need fresh thoughts and bright conversation to make its family life cheery and wholesome. Nearly every household has some member or members who can go out but little—the busy mother, the invalid, the aged grandparent—and these are in a great measure dependent upon others for the atmosphere of the outside world.

Did you ever think, you young people, how much you might add to the cheer and enjoyment of the home circle by treasuring and recounting the odd, funny, pathetic, or interesting little happenings of any sort that cross our path each day? On the street, in the car, wherever you are at work or study, in what you see, or in the chat of acquaintances, these varied bits of life come to you, and if you will but form the habit of remembering them, and learn the art of telling